International Sports Division to coordinate Commonwealth Games

1792. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has set up an International Sports Division to co-ordinate and organize the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010;

(b) the efforts Ministry is taking to make Commonwealth Games a grand success; and

(c) the details of co-ordination with other Ministries/Departments for addressing the matter concerning with DDA, tourism, transport, roads and accommodation, etc. thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparations for the Commonwealth Games, 2010, Delhi. These include a Core Group of Ministers Chaired by the Minister of Human Resource Development for coordinating and taking decisions regarding various aspects related to the organization of the Games; an Apex Committee in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Chaired by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports; a Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary to monitor the implementation of the decisions of the Group of Ministers and other related matters; and an Organizing Committee for the conduct of the Games headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association. At the level of the Government of Delhi, the Lt. Governor would have overall responsibility for security, law and order and matter pertaining to DDA, and there is a Sub-Committee headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi for other matters falling within the jurisdiction of the State Government in terms of the planning and upgradation of civic infrastructure, etc.

An Empowered Committee has also been set up under the Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi with representatives of all the agencies/authorities concerned to facilitate speedy and time bound clearances in respect of games related projects. Another Committee has

been set up, with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as convenor, to deal with clearances pertaining to the Delhi Urban Arts Commission and other central agencies, as may be required.

The proposal of the different implementing agencies for the creation of the required sports and civic infrastructure, namely, the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Sports Authority of India and the DDA, and of the Organising Committee for the conduct of the Games, have been approved. It is expected that after finalization of detailed designs and estimates, tenders for construction will be floated and decided. Construction work on the various projects will commence by middle of 2007 and be completed by the end of 2009.

Government has also constituted a Task Force for coordination and follow up action with all agencies concerned for creation of additional tourist accommodation, including Bed and Breakfast facilities, in the context of Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Progress report of various activities related to Commonwealth Games

1793. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking enhanced measures to speed-up the progress of the work in various stadia, venues for the mega event Commonwealth games, 2010-Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details and progress reports of various activities pertaining to this event till now?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparations for the Commonwealth Games, 2010, Delhi. These include a Core Group of Ministers Chaired by the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating and taking decisions regarding various aspects related to the organization of the Games; an Apex Committee in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Chaired by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports; a Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary to monitor the implementation of the decisions of the Group of Ministers and other related